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Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A content on demand system comprising: a server logic adapted to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers comprising position data in the at least one stream; and ~~logic~~ to receive from a set top box a marker obtained from the stream and comprising position data for an audio and/or video stream for which the set top box has paused or suspended viewing, and upon a signal from the set top box to resume streaming of the audio and/or video stream from a position proximate to the position data indicated by the marker.
2. (Currently Amended) The content on demand system of claim 1, ~~further comprising: logic~~ the server further adapted to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a rating of content of the stream proximate to a position of the marker.
3. (Currently Amended) A content on demand system adapted to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert one or more of position, rating, restrictions, or commercial markers in the at least one stream and; ~~logic~~ to terminate rendering of the audio and/or video stream when an insufficient number of the markers are detected within a time interval.
4. (Currently Amended) A set top box comprising: ~~logic~~ adapted to scan an audio and/or video stream for one or more of position, rating, restrictions, or commercial markers; and ~~logic~~ to terminate rendering of the audio and/or video stream when an insufficient number of the markers are detected within a time interval.
5. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, wherein at least one marker indicates proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.

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6. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, wherein at least one marker indicates proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.
7. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, wherein at least one marker indicates a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.
8. (Currently Amended) The set top box of claim 4, further ~~comprising logic~~ adapted to inhibit at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.
9. (Currently Amended) The set top box of claim 4, further ~~comprising logic~~ adapted to inhibit at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is mature content.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Currently Amended) The set top box of claim 4, further ~~comprising logic~~ adapted to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream when a marker indicating an end to a restricting condition is encountered in the audio and/or video stream.
12. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.
13. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.
14. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.

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15. (Currently Amended) The set top box of claim 11, ~~wherein the logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: the logic~~ **further adapted** to enable at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.

16. (Currently Amended) The set top box of claim 11, ~~wherein the logic to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream further comprises: the logic~~ **further adapted** to enable at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is no longer mature content.